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February 10, 1978

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Preservation Office  
Division of State History  
603 East South Temple  
Salt Lake City, UT 84102

Re: Ziegler Chemical & Mineral Corp.  
Ute-32 Mine  
ACT/047/008  
Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Martin:

Ziegler Chemical and Mineral Corporation has submitted a mining and reclamation plan for a gilsonite mine in Section 32, Township 11 South, Range 25 East, SLBM, Uintah County, Utah. This is a State Section and is leased to Ziegler, State of Utah Gilsonite Mining Leases ML-34863, ML-29216, and ML-30645. Approximately thirteen acres, including upgrading of the existing road, will be disturbed by mining operations.

A field inspection was made by this office on February 7th, 1978 with Jim Paugh from the Vernal BLM Office and Bud Covington from Hiko Bell Mining and Oil Company. We found no evidence of archeological sites in the area. However, we have inadequate training to conduct a thorough investigation.

The Vernal Office of the BLM has on file a listing of five (5) archeological sites within a radius of several miles of the proposed mine. These are listed below.

42-un-109, S $\frac{1}{2}$ , Sec. 21, T. 11 S., R. 25 E.  
A Rock Shelter  
42-un-110, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 4, T. 12 S., R. 25 E.  
A Rock Shelter  
42-un-112, S $\frac{1}{2}$ , Sec. 34, T. 11 S., R. 25 E.  
A Pit House  
42-un-119, S $\frac{1}{2}$ , Sec. 34, T. 11 S., R. 25 E.  
A Rock Shelter  
42-un-403, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 23, T. 11 S., R. 24 E.  
Pictograph

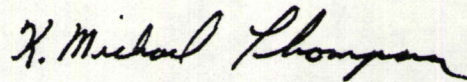
It should be noted that most of these sites are concentrated near evacuation creek.



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We plan to issue a Declaration of Exemption to Ziegler Chemical and Mineral Corporation for their initial mining operation if disturbance is kept under two (2) acres. In the meantime, we will prepare an environmental assessment and proceed with the standard approval process for the mining and reclamation plan. If your office has any objections to this please contact me as soon as possible. I have talked to Jim Dykeman about this and he could see no problem. If you feel a field inspection by your office is needed before final approval is given to Ziegler, please contact me. If you have any questions please call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "K. Michael Thompson".

K. MICHAEL THOMPSON  
RECLAMATION HYDROLOGIST

KMT/jy